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FOR JOHN DORANCE FROM PETER JOHNSON ARA/PPC

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THOMAE TO PRIME MINISTER MANLEY

1. FOLLOWING IS LETTER FROM THOMAE TO PRIME MINISTER
MANLEY:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

2. THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL AND ECONOMICS CENTER OF THE
TAMPA BAY AREA, THE BUREAU OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS
OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH
FLORIDA, AND A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED CO-SPONSORS IN THE
BUSINESS AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ARE HOLDING A CONFERENCE
ON CARIBBEAN TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, TO TAKE PLACE
IN TAMPA JUNE 23 AND 24.

3. THE CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU
AN INVITATION TO DELIVER THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS OF THE
CONFERENCE AT A BANQUET THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 23.

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4. THE 2-DAY CONFERENCE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE PLENARY
AND PANEL SESSIONS COVERING SUCH AREAS AS INVESTMENT,

EXPORT-IMPORT POSSIBILITIES, FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, AND
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THE CARIBBEAN. OVER 300
PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED FROM THROUGHOUT THE UNITED

STATES AND THE CARIBBEAN NATIONS.

5. AMBASSADOR TERENCE TODMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, HAS AGREED TO ADDRESS A LUNCHEON SESSION. SENATOR LAWTON CHILES OF FLORIDA HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO DELIVER A LUNCHEON SPEECH. WE EXPECT BOTH THE PANELISTS AND THE CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS TO REPRESENT THE TOP LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN MATTERS AFFECTING CARIBBEAN TRADE, BUSINESS, AND DEVELOPMENT.

6. YOUR PARTICIPATION WOULD INDEED BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF A MOST TIMELY AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING CONFERENCE. I HOPE YOU WILL WELCOME IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOUR OWN INSIGHTS AND PRIORITIES TO THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

7. I SHALL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. VANCE

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